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1. WHEN MFA'S FAR EAST DIRECTOR, WHO ACCOMPANIED
FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ON VISIT TO PRC, BRIEFED POLCOUNS
ON VISIT HE COVERED VAN DER STOEL-CHIAO DISCUSSION OF
KOREAN RECOGNITION. HE SAID WHEN VAN DER STOEL LIKENED
SITUATION OF TWO KOREAS WITH THAT OF TWO GERMANIES-
WHERE BOTH ARE RECOGNIZED-CHIAO TOOK POSITION THAT
SITUATIONS ARE DIFFERENT SINCE THERE IS MILITARY
OCCUPATION OF SOUTH KOREA.

2. COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION CONFLICTS WITH CHIAO'S
REPORTED EQUATING OF TWO GERMANIES AND TWO KOREAS,
AS RELATED BY DUTCH DELEGATION AT NATO, BUT LATTER
HAD ONLY REPORTING CABLES TO DRAW UPON, WHEREAS
DIRECTOR'S VERSION IS FIRST-HAND AND EMBASSY ASSUMES
IT IS ACCURATE SINCE DIRECTOR IS FRIENDLY AND RELIABLE
INFORMANT. THUS IT WOULD NOT APPEAR THAT CHIAO'S
REMARKS INDICATED A DEPARTURE IN PRC POLICY REGARDING
KOREAN RECOGNITION.

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